

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 5, 2006. Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 15 to more particularly distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

In light of the amendment and the remarks presented below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all now-pending claims of the present application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Akama et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0151186).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, the second-session data communicator is configured to store provisioning indicia at the mobile node in response to establishment of the second packet data communication session, the provisioning indicia including authentication information for use in subsequent initiation of communication pursuant to the second packet data communication session. In other words, according to an embodiment of the claimed invention, authentication information may be stored for use in subsequent provisioning sessions.

Akama is directed to establishing multiple sessions and allowing a first terminal to switch from one session to a new session while maintaining communication with, for example, a second terminal in a handover process. In this regard, Akama discloses that the handover occurs in order to shift communication between different networks. Akama further discloses storing an encryption key and IP address information; however, the storage of these items is not performed in response to establishment of a second packet data communication session as claimed in the claimed invention and the encryption key and IP address information does not constitute provisioning indicia including authentication information as recited in the claimed invention. Furthermore, Akama discloses that authentication is conducted each time a communication session is established without any mention that authentication information is stored by the terminal (paragraphs [0275-0276]). Accordingly, Akama fails to teach or suggest that the

second-session data communicator is configured to store provisioning indicia at the mobile node in response to establishment of the second packet data communication session, the provisioning indicia including authentication information for use in subsequent initiation of communication pursuant to the second packet data communication session as claimed in the independent claim 1.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 is neither anticipated nor obvious in view of Akama.

Independent claim 15 is directed to a method which recites substantially similar subject matter to that of independent claim 1 with respect to storing provisioning indicia. Accordingly, independent claim 15 is patentable for at least the same reasons given above for independent claim 1. Claims 2-14 and 16-20 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 15, respectively, and thus include all the recitations of their respective independent claims. Therefore, dependent claims 2-14 and 16-20 are patentable for at least those reasons given above for independent claims 1 and 15.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-20 are overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and remarks submitted above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present invention.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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